



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name and Address

ACADIAN AMBULANCE SERVICE
PO BOX 92970
LAFAYETTE LA 70509

Respondent Name

TEXAS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO

Carrier's Austin Representative Box

Box Number 54

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-12-3495-01

MFDR Date Received

August 1, 2012

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "billable work comp. transport"

Amount in Dispute: \$914.72

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "The requestor provided ambulance services to the claimant on 7/31/12. Texas Mutual received the bill 5/21/12 and declined to issue payment for the untimely bill. (Attachment) The requestor offered an explanation in its DWC-60 packet for the lateness of the bill. However the explanation, it does not meet any of the exceptions for an untimely bill under section 408.0272 of the Labor Code. No payment is due."

Response Submitted by: Texas Mutual Insurance Co.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
July 31, 2010	HCPCS Code A0428	\$317.68	\$0.00
	HCPCS Code A0425	\$597.04	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$914.72	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, effective May 31, 2012, sets out the procedures for health care providers to pursue a medical fee dispute.
2. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:

Explanation of benefits

- CAC-29-The time limit for filing has expired.
- 731-Per 133.20 provider shall not submit a medical bill later than the 95th day after the date the service, for services on or after 9/1/05.
- CAC-18-Duplicate claim/service.
- CAC-193-Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review, it was determined that this claim was processed properly.
- 224-Duplicate charge.
- 877-Bill previously processed. Refer to rule 133.250 regarding request for reconsideration.
- 928-HCP must submit documentation to support exception to timely filing of bill (408.0272). Notification of erroneous submission not included.

Issues

1. Did the requestor waive the right to medical fee dispute resolution?

Findings

28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states: "Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file the request with the division's MFDR Section or waive the right to MFDR. The division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the MFDR Section receives the request. A decision by the MFDR Section that a request was not timely filed is not a dismissal and may be appealed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section. (A) A request for MFDR that does not involve issues identified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be filed no later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute." The date of the services in dispute is July 31, 2010. The request for medical dispute resolution was received in the Medical Dispute Resolution (MDR) section on August 1, 2012. This date is later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed services do not involve issues identified in §133.307, subparagraph (B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division's MDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

Conclusion

The Division finds that the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution for the services in dispute. For that reason, the merits of the issues raised by both parties to this dispute have not been addressed.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

		7/26/2013
Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.